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The Tariff, and Now.

Among the speakers at the banquet of the Home Market Club in Boston last night were Mr. Fairbanks and John D. Long. Both, of course, touched upon the tariff. This paragraph is taken from the speech of the Vice President-elect:

"The republican party has revised tariff schedules in the past when revision was essential, and it will not hesitate in the future to subject them to careful scrutiny and alteration, so that our protective sys-tem may be just in its operation. When-ever change of schedules is essential in the public interest the alteration will be made: it will be made advisedly; it will be made with full knowledge, not in response to mere sentiment, but agreeably to sound economic necessity. Any other policy is obviously unwise and disturbing in its

If this lacks somewhat in definitenes and aggressiveness the fact may probably be attributed to Mr. Fairbanks' position. If he made the issue too sharp he might be accused by the standpatters of moving in advance of his chief. Still, here is the essence of the right doctrine, and sufficiently strong to indicate that Mr. Fairbanks, on the tariff as on other questions, is a man of progress and will not be found hanging back when the time comes. The time is coming.

This paragraph is from the speech of Mr. Long:

"If that racial question were eliminated, so alive is now the south to its industrial prosperity and promise, every other south ern state as well as Missouri would, I be-lieve, have also cast its electoral vote for Roosevelt and Fairbanks. Indeed, here-after it only further needs that, develop-ing the economic theories of sound finance and wise tariff legislation which your club represents, we shall not be thrall to them, but shall revise their application as our general interests from time to time, and, indeed, now, require; and shall correct any schedule that has ceased to be the agent of general uplift and has become the prefer-ential favoritism of any special interests. With that we shall have the whole country

Note the phrase, "and, indeed, now, require." That contains the kernel of the whole controversy. All are agreed that the republican party is the party of protection. All are agreed that whenever it has revised the tariff, and its work remained long enough to prove itself, the whole country benefited. All are agreed that the party still retains the confidence of the business world. That has just been shown at the polls in the most emphatic manner. The

subject is general and is increasing. Let both sides speak out fully, and frankly. Mr. Hale for his side has performed excellent service in making known the views and purposes of himself and his friends. He is for a fight. As he is to be accommodated, the revisionists cannot tell him so in terms too plain, or move too swiftly in preparing to meet him. Business is business. The time of revision, or adjustment-either word is good-is now.

Christmas Shopping.

Christmas is a little more than three weeks off. Every present indication points to a remarkably heavy buying season. The stores, it is certain, will be more and more crowded from now until the very close of as they are today, the customer will find the in the Philippines, It daily more difficult to move around in them until the season ends. Thus there will be increasing trouble in getting served and, a point never to be overlooked, a decreasing chance of finding the right article. just suitable for the gift in mind. It is not to be forgotten that the merchants buy their Christmas stocks months ahead. They calculate on the probable demand and purchase accordingly. If a certain line or article proves exceptionally popular they cannot easily replenish the stock. Every wholesale house is rushed with work prostore in the country is just as urgent as any other for additional supplies. So there is danger that the late comers at the counters will find the stocks more or less depleted, the range of choice narrowed and cause for disappointment in many ways. There is nothing less satisfactory to either buyer or seller than to have the rush for Christmas goods postponed until the end. Nobody is wholly satisfied. The early bird gets the worm in this case as in others, The man or woman who sits down carefully to plan the Christmas buying in advance and systematically proceeds to make the selections and purchases three or four weeks ahead of December 25 is far better off than the procrastinator, and is helping of Legion of Honor decorations. the merchant in his effort to please his

A preliminary journey through one of the big stores of Washington tomorrow will be instructive. It will suggest many appropriate gifts. It is impossible to keep pace with the manufacture of novelties and new forms of old goods short of such a visit of inspection. The wise shopper, however, always reads the advertisements at this time of year above all other seasons. to see what the merchants are offering and where lie the lines of least resistance in selecting and purchasing. Considering the vast sums spent in Christmas shopping there is really no more important matter now printed than these trade announce-

Vice President Fairbanks is in favor of revising the tariff. A tariff is one of the features of public economy which can never hope to become irrevocably estab-

By a patient exploration of the tall grass Mr. Bryan expects to find enough people to give the party another start.

Port Arthur.

All accounts of the latest fighting at Port Arthur indicate that the Japanese have at last taken a position of great importance, although the Russian authorities do not admit the capture of 203-Meter hill. They acknowledge, however, that if the Japanese have in fact taken this fort they will be able to command the harbor, provided they can mount heavy guns there. The capture of this hill has apparently been attended with the greatest difficulty and sacrifice. Already reports have come stating that the Russians are trying to retake the position. But it is to be questioned if they have the men sufficient for such an assault. There seems | scurces of the whole country.

any given point. In such case it is hardly THE EVENING STAR. likely that the Russians can force the position if the taking of it cost the Japs in all 15,000 men, as the dispatches have stated. Indeed, it has been recently asserted that Stoessel's total available force within Port Arthur is not as much as one-half of 15,000.

It is earnestly to be hoped that the Japanese have taken a position which will give them dominance over Port Arthur. The early fall of that town is dethe other Washington dailies. As a manded in the interests of humanity. Further slaughter there serves no good end. The Russian position is hopeless. There is no possibility of a rescue through the co-operation of General Kuropatkin's army, now held back by a strong Japanese force a long distance north of the beleaguered city. Nor is there hope in the Baltic sea squadron, now making its way slowly through the Indian ocean. The first division of the "second Pacific squadron" is far short of the available Japanese naval strength. Even if some Russian vessels should succeed in forcing their way through the blockading line, while they might supply reinforcements of sailors and guns, they could hardly long postpone the day of surrender.

If the season were not so far advanced, if this situation at Port Arthur existed in the beginning of spring, there might be some chance that the fall of the city could be delayed until the army of the north was ready to strike a decisive blow at the Japanese forces there. But at the rate of present progression it is virtually certain that the beleaguered city will fall long before the state of the weather and the size of his army warrant Kuropatkin in assuming the aggressive. In these circumstances further resistance at Port Arthur is wasteful and useless.

The Result in Missouri. In an interview on Wednesday with a reporter of The Star, Mr. T. J. Akins, the

member of the republican national committee from Missouri, said: "I am confident Missouri will be a repub

ican state in the future. The wealth and ousiness of the state are with the republi-The large interests in all directions are that way. Besides this, Missouri is get-ting thousands of immigrants each year from northern states, and these are adding to the republican majority. One good effect of the election will be the spirit it will give to half-hearted republicans who for years have felt that they had no chance in the state, and have voted with the democrats at times. These men will now make good workers for the republican party."

The overturn in Missouri last month was omething extraordinary, and, naturally, Mr. Akins, who was prominent in the fight, feels elated, and confident as to the future. He may, or he may not, be safe in his prediction. In the state race the people voted on personal character rather than on politics. Mr. Folk, a democrat, was elected governor because of his war on boodlers, while his associates on the ticket, with less recommendation to favor, were defeated. If every man of them had been of his quality personally the whole ticket would probably have won. It was not a square contest between republicanism and democracy, but one respecting clean local government with clean men at the head.

What Mr. Akins says about the thousands of men who of late years have come into Missouri from northern states and are voting with the republicans on national issues question therefore relates to the present is exceedingly interesting, and it refutes duty of the party as respects the tariff. the assertion so often made as respects the Say the standpatters, "Whenever the solid south. We have been told over and tariff needs revising we will revise it. It over again that when the northern repubdoesn't need revision now." Say the re- lican moves south he at once becomes a visionists, "Revision is necessary in the democrat; that however he may feel on the interests of protection itself, and the time | question of finance and the tariff and exnsion, he joins the democracy because of It is a good thing that discussion of this its attitude on the race question. He may abhor free silver, and free trade, and the policy of scuttle, but will vote for the national candidates of the party which advocates those policies simply for the reason that it stands for local policies of which he

Evidently the new immigration to Missouri is not of this kind. Some of these new voters must have voted for Folk, because he was heavily cut by the machine men of his own party. But being republicans on national issues, they at the same time cast their votes for the ticket standing for those issues. Because they wanted Folk for governor on a platform demanding clean local government did not warrant them, as they saw their duty, in voting for national candidates running on a platform denouncing business on the night of the 24th. Thronged protection as robbery, and advocating scut-

The Missouri vote studied in this light is vastly instructive, and it leaves precious little of the assertions and contentions of a certain class of southern politicians.

Japanese and Russian Reserves.

The Japanese reserves respond to the call to the colors with enthusiasm, and are escorted to the barracks by crowds of friends and admirers. The Russian reserves have to be rounded up like rebellious long-horns on a Texas plain, and are clubbed to the appointed places. Much is told in this. On viding for later demands and every retail the one hand we see a people united in a cause and eager to make sacrifice to promote it, and on the other hand a people with small knowledge of what the war is about, and indifferent to the result from the little knowledge that they have. The Russians in arms in Manchuria fight with courage because they are in the presence of the foe; and that, to all men, is an inspiration But the Russians at home, and especially the Russians of Europe, have no stomach for what is going on at the behest of the coterie of despots at St. Petersburg.

> The stockholders f the St. Louis exposi tion will not receive any reward, unless France decides to issue another allotment

> Sir Thomas Lipton can arrange for a yacht race next year without fear of the distraction of public attention which a presidential election causes.

Secretary Wilson leaves no doubt that the achievements of the American hen more than make up for the obscurity of the democratic rooster.

It would be shocking if Tom Watson's paper and W. J. Bryan's paper should get to abusing each other

Russia, having introduced the universal peace idea, feels at liberty to insist on managing it.

A Permanent Exposition.

With the closing of the fair at St. Louis arises anew the question of what is to be done with the framework of the government building there. It has been proposed to bring the materials to Washington and erect them anew here preparatory to the reproduction of the building in per manent materials. Inasmuch as the project was broached by the supervising architect of the treasury it is to be assumed that the scheme is in every way feasible, and that all that is needed is a sufficient appro-

priation by Congress. The re-erection of the government building in this city is planned as a first move toward the establishment here of what may be styled a permanent exposition, representing the arts and industries of the states of the Union. Such a display has been urged by many people for years. It is believed that it would prove a great educator, would draw large numbers of tourists here from all parts of the country, and would give them an adequate idea of the real re-

Park, have been held in mind by the citizens for years as an appropriate place for an assemblage of state buildings, centering around a federal building. If the government would set the initiative by appropriating for the removal and permanent reproduction of its building at St. Louis and would inform the states that the land for their representations would be freely given, under appropriate restrictions, there is no doubt that in a short time the example would be followed by the states themselves. It would need but little to persuade them to spend money to establish and maintain here strictly representative displays of their products, resources and manufactures, kept up to date and on a

high plane of attractiveness. There is no measuring the educational and practical advantage of having such a permanent display here. Architecturally it would add to the beauties of the city, provided the government kept close waten to prevent the construction of freak or flimsy buildings. It would be to the advantage of each state in the degree that the display was intelligently planned and replenished from time to time. There is not a state that today does not seek desirable immigrants, whether among the workers or the business men. Here would be a common ground for the voicing of their appeals, the spreading forth of their advantages, the spreading forth of their advantages, the spreading forth of their proofs of their prosperity. Visitors from abroad would unquestionably be impressed by the exhibition. They would find the aggregation of state buildings a vast industrial, agricultural and educational map of the Union.

Tom Watson insists that the eastern democrats are under great obligations to the solld south, and yet the southern democrat pursues a plain and simple course with nothing like the temptations to stray that beset the easterner.

If automobiles and falling bricks continue to menace those who brave New York's thoroughfares, the subway will be regarded as comparatively safe.

Judge Parker evidently thinks there is nothing to be gained by a man who is building up a law practice from stopping to talk politics.

A magazine writer says "we have grown to distrust our state legislatures." Mr. Ad-dicks will give this sentiment sincere, though dicks will give this sentiment sincere, though melancholy, indorsement. Prince Fushimi suggests that Japan may

Prince Fushimi suggests that Japan may adopt the English alphabet. Anything that modern civilization has that may be useful is entirely at Japan's disposal. Wisconsin deer hunters report tame sport. The man who wants excitement in Wiscon

sin should turn to politics.

The experiments with boric acid seems to conclusively demonstrate that food treated with it is better than no food at all.

SHOOTING STARS.

A Candid Avowal.

"Would you marry a man for money?" asked the sentimental person. "No," answered Miss Cayenne, "I wouldn't marry a man for money; but neither would I marry one in spite of poverty."

Two Kinds.

There are two kinds of Christmas And one of em's no joke. There's Christmas when you've lots of cash And Christmas when you're broke,

"Count Fucash has the hall-mark of an aristocrat," said Mrs. Cumrox. "Maybe so," answered her husband. "But he also has the ear-marks of a donkey."

No Use.

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"Perhaps," answered the man with an artistic sense. "But there is no use trying to pretend that a foot ball player looks as picturesque as a gladiator."

Enough to Prejudice. "How did you manage to persuade our

near-sighted friend not to vote for that "I got him a pair of opera glasses and had him look at the portrait on a campaign

banner." Hope of Reward. Waitin' foh Santy Claus;

Tryin' to be On my behavior Whah people kin see. Mindin' my manners An' doin' my sums: Waitin' an' wishin' Till Santy Claus comes.

Big folks dey tells me, Often you'll see, Waitin' foh benefits Jes' same as me. Dey's hopin' foh office Dey's waitin' foh pay, An' dey's been right good 'Till dey get it, some day.

Dey talks mos' polite An' dey takes off deir hat 'Cause dey hopes foh promotion In dis way or dat. Some of 'em would be Jes' as bad as dey can, If dev wasn' afraid Of de Santy Claus man.

A Society of the West? the St. Louis Republic.

Does the country adjacent to the west of the Mississippi river, from the northern limits of the United States to the southern -does the whole western territory need an organization among its merchants and manorganization among its merchants and manufacturers to combat the pronounced provincialism of the Atlantic seaboard capitalists and traders? Circumstances make it apparent; for the right good will manifested by the west toward the east fails of reciprocation and seems to invite only pharisaical contempt for native ability and energy. The west courts the east, commends, exploits and favors the east, bearing no malice or envy, pressing no competition and depreciating nothing of quality. In return it gets something like neglect. The business men of the east reap profits from western business; but they are not interested in the development of the western territory and they doubt that there is any character whatever in western talent any character whatever in western talent or enthusiasm. They believe, in their ig-norance, that the west is only semi-civiliz-ed, is coarse and incapable. They buy let-ters of credit with profits from western sales, and then set sail for Europe.

The Wise Shopper. Now is the time to do your Christmas shopping. Do not wait till the stocks are depleted and the salesmen worn out and the shops crowded to suffocation. Go now, while there is opportunity to look calmly and intelligently at the goods instead of having to snatch any old thing that comes to hand and regret it afterward. Procrastination is not only the thief of time, but a pretty sure preventive of Christmas satisfaction.

All They Ask.

From the Indianapolis News. When you come right down to it, all the zemstvos really ask is that the government of Russia be put on a plane where the peo-ple can respect it.

Too True!

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